

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals mailed March 20, 2009. The Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9, 10, 13-15, and 17-19 was affirmed.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 12 and 17 have been amended. Claims 3, 11 and 20-24 have been canceled. New claim 25 has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3, 4, 11, and 12 were objected to, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. The limitations of claim 3 have been moved into the independent claim 1, and the limitations of claim 11 have been moved into the independent claim 9. Applicant thus respectfully submits that the independent claims 1 and 9 are now in allowable form. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that the new independent claim 25 is also allowable since it recites limitations similar to those of claims 1 and 9.

Applicant thus respectfully submits that all of the independent claims, and the claims dependent thereon, are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5150-48900/JCH.

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